CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

ORDER NO. R2-2003-0107 NPDES NO. CA0030031

RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR:

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS SACRAMENTO DISTRICT HAMILTON ARMY AIRFIELD LANDFILL 26 NOVATO, MARIN COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (hereinafter the Board) finds that:

- 1. In 1992, Landfill 26, located on Hamilton Army Airfield in Novato, Marin County, was officially closed under Order No. 92-029. Closure of the landfill included the installation of a low permeability cap, hydraulic containment through installation and operation of a groundwater extraction and treatment system, and on-going groundwater monitoring to evaluate and monitor the effectiveness of the remedial actions.
- 2. On September 13, 1995, the Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0030031 in Order No. 95-188 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), Sacramento District, for the discharge of treated groundwater from Landfill 26.
- 3. In 1996, the Board adopted Order No. 96-113 for Landfill 26 and rescinded Order No. 92-029. Order No. 96-113 requires that the Discharger perform post-closure testing of groundwater and soil gas collected from Landfill 26.
- 4. To date, the groundwater pump and treatment system, with the exception of some limited startup testing, has never been operated. Ongoing post-closure monitoring data provided to the Board continues to support that the operation of the pump and treatment system is not required at this time. Thus NPDES permit coverage is no longer necessary.
- 5. In the event that future groundwater monitoring data demonstrates that the operation of the treatment system is needed, resulting in the discharge of treated groundwater, then the Discharger can reapply for an NPDES permit.

- 6. The rescission of waste discharge requirements is exempt from the provisions of Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 21000 of Division 13) of the Public Resources Code California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 13389 of the California Water Code.
- 7. The Board has notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to rescind waste discharge requirements in Order No. 95-188, and has provided them with an opportunity for a public hearing and an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.
- 8. The Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the rescission of waste discharge requirements for the above discharge.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. 95-188 is rescinded.

I, Bruce H. Wolfe, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region on December 3, 2003.

Bruce H. Wolfe

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